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TUCUMCARI IS GROW- ING AT A RAPID PACE

Something Like Forty Residences and Business Houses Under Construction.

WILL HAVE 3,000 PEOPLE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The News has gone to considerable trouble this week to get a list of residences and business houses under construction in the city this week. Those not acquainted with conditions here will get an idea of the growth of the town from the building that is now going on. At the present rate of increase the town should have 3,000 people before Christmas. The list of new buildings follows:

RESIDENCES

C. H. de Yampert, two story, ten room frame; W. A. Jackson, five room adobe; W. M. Crawford, five rooms, frame; J. A. Street, frame, eight rooms; Nicanora Tafoya, adobe, four rooms; H. S. Brickley, two residences, one a dobe and one frame; Charles Schader, four-room frame; H. E. Chennel, frame; Herman Gerhardt, three residences, all frame; S. L. Sisney, four-room frame; C. C. Davidson, four-room frame; J. R. Mattherson, five-room frame; J. H. Carry, frame; J. A. Holt, four-room frame; John Welch, two four-room frame houses; Dr. J. E. Manney, two story eight-room frame; A. V. Johns, four-room frame; J. W. Williams, three frame houses; A. D. Goden, two four-room frame houses; Mts. J. T. Lynch, two story eight-room frame.

BUSINESS HOUSES

A. L. Bonney, two story rooming house, frame and fourteen rooms; R. A. Wood, office building on Main street; Smith, concrete block building; Gallegos, a building; A. B. Simpson, building; A. R. Carter, building; Jones, building; Koch, building; W. S. Reddell a twelve room, two story rooming house; S. Anderson, adobe tin and repair shop; C. T. Adair, brick and stone building.

Four thousand dollars worth of town lots here were sold this week to some of the Rock Island clerks of Chicago.

INAUGURAL OF CURRY AN EVENT IN NEW MEXICO HISTORY

New Mexico Executive Made Splendid Impression In His Inaugural Address. Has Exercised Great Judgment In Official Appointments.

THE inauguration of Governor Curry at Santa Fe on the 8th inst., was an event in New Mexico history. Representatives of both parties were in attendance from every county in the Territory and great interest was had in the inaugural ceremonies. The people were anxious to know something of his intended policy and were much pleased with the brief and clean cut language with which he made himself understood. The people understand that the present executive is a man whose capability and honesty cannot be questioned; that he is a citizen of New Mexico and is personally interested in the welfare of the Commonwealth; that he stands for clean government, territorial progress, education and Christianity; that he is one of us and will give his greatest efforts in harmonizing belligerent factions in the political parties, and that he is in favor of statehood for New Mexico at the earliest date possible. This paper believes that Curry will make one of the best governors of New Mexico, and that he will do anything in his power to make his successor governor of a new state. Governor Curry spoke as follows:

Governor Curry's Address

Ladies and gentlemen, and fellow citizens of New Mexico: And when I say fellow citizens of New Mexico I want to say that no one on earth is prouder than I am of being a citizen of this great territory (applause). During my absence in the Phillipine Islands in connection with the insular government I was registered in one election for the purpose of voting, but when called upon to take the oath I stated to them that I was not a citizen of the Phillipine Islands; that the first vote I had ever cast was in the territory of New Mexico; every one that was near and dear to me in life lived within the borders of that grand territory, and as long as I lived I would maintain my vote and my only ambition was to return to that home and be buried in that territory when my hour finally came. (Applause.)

My friend Fall asked you to excuse him in order to refer to some little ancient history, and I am going to ask the same indulgence. You all probably know that among the very best friends that I have in New Mexico is the former governor of this territory, the Hon. M. A. Otero (applause and cheers). If it had not been for your friend Otero I would not be your gov-

ernor today. Governor Otero gave me the commission as captain in that famous and honorable regiment where I had an opportunity to form the acquaintance and to secure the friendship of the grandest American that lives today, Theodore Roosevelt (applause and cheers). I will have to tell a little joke. Governor Otero was, like myself, not a candidate for governor at the time he was appointed. He and my friend, Sol Luna were candidates for United States marshal, but it seems that Otero so impressed the president that he returned from Washington with the commission as governor instead of marshal. Of course the first town he came to in the territory of New Mexico was Raton. One of the best towns and a town in which I number some of the warmest friends that I have on earth (applause). The people called upon the governor, naturally for a speech. When he got through, one of the boys, talking, said: "I think that governor is a pretty good fellow, but he is a mighty poor talker." (Laughter). So I am in the same position as my friend Otero, and I will only make a few brief remarks. Twenty-seven years ago I came to the territory of New Mexico. I have had

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ROCK ISLAND EXTENSION

To Begin at Once. Chief Engineer of Rock Island System Gives Out Statement.

ROAD WILL BE HERE IN EIGHT MONTHS

In an interview with the Texas Panhandle, a daily paper at Amarillo, on Wednesday, August 14th, J. B. Berry, chief engineer of the Rock Island system; said in interview with a reporter of the Daily Panhandle:

"Yes, you can put it down for sure that the Rock Island is to go ahead at once with construction from here west," said J. B. Berry, chief engineer of the Rock Island Tuesday afternoon. "Mr. Maher and myself are here for the purpose of getting a general survey of the situation. We will ask for bids at once on the work to be done and as soon as possible men will be here to take up actual construction. We intend that nothing shall seriously delay the work now, unless it should be shortage of material. We have made pretty complete provision for that, however, so we do not anticipate any delay from that source."

"Under the conditions of our contract and the statute governing our right-of-way, we have until May, 1908, to complete building the track. That time is ample and we do not intend to break that condition of the contract and taking all things into consideration we intend having the work now proposed done before that time."

"Today the party," said the Daily Panhandle, "went with J. H. Wills in his touring car for a field survey of the grade as far west as the party can conveniently cover. Mr. Berry will make a fairly complete examination of all the proposed work and will be able by reference to the original survey to direct the letting of the contract for repairs and completion of the track."

This is all good news to Tucumcari, as we have looked forward always to the building of this line to give us a straight, almost an air line from here east to Memphis, Tenn., and to all points east and south.

The enterprise, this paper estimates, will just about double the population of our city in six months.